

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS' PREFERENCES

COMMISSIONER-SPECIFIC PREFERENCES

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Standard Preferences apply unless otherwise indicated below.

1. Medical records submitted under APA should be organized in chronological order, with the **oldest** records on top.
2. For hearings involving specific legal issues (laches, notice, jurisdiction, statute of limitations, etc), please provide a brief summary of the case law and pertinent facts supporting your client's position. This brief should be no longer than three (3) pages in length, unless the case involves novel issues or a complex set of facts and legal issues. You will be allowed to present this brief, pertaining solely to the legal issues at the hearing.
3. I will allow duly subpoenaed and listed expert witnesses to testify at the hearing.
4. Prior to the date of the clincher conference, please send the AA a copy of the treating doctor's last several office notes, as well as any operative notes, the agreement, the 14-B, physician's last narrative, and any surgical notes, if applicable. Also, please have available at the hearing the rating equivalent of the amount the Claimant is being offered.
5. Absent a detailed estimate and analysis of additional medical treatment and costs for removal of retained hardware, I will not approve clincher settlements that do not include lifetime maintenance for hardware for unrepresented claimants.
6. Unless otherwise specified, please submit the proposed order within thirty-five (35) days. Please forward a copy of the proposed order to opposing counsel five (5) before forwarding to my office. Please note in your cover letter whether opposing counsel agrees that the order accurately reflects my ruling, does not agree the order accurately reflects my ruling, or failed to respond regarding the order.
7. The Commissioner requests that Findings of Fact be copied and pasted into an Order, rather than retyped. Once the findings have been copied and pasted, corrections/additions/clarifications, etc. may be made.
8. Please submit all proposed Decision and Orders in Word format and all Consent Orders in PDF format electronically via [email](#) **ONLY** to my administrative assistant.
9. Please do not copy Commissioner Barden on emails pertaining to cases (settlements, postponements, etc.), ([email](#) her assistant only, copying all parties).
10. Please proof ALL submissions (Orders, etc.) prior to sending to my administrative assistant.
11. Please omit duplicate submissions (be certain only one copy is included).
12. Please do not ask the Commissioner to rely on previous 58s and APAs.
13. The Commissioner prefers that Pre-Hearing Briefs be timely mailed via USPS.